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1. On 25 Jan 54 the Czechoslovak Government adopted in toto a Soviet proposal for a new educational statute to be placed in effect as of 1 Sep 54. The date is that of the opening of the fall school term. The statute will set up a completely collective form of education.
2. The statute is based on the common life of pupils, including dormitories and refectories; common work of pupils, including manual labor, and the common schooling including socialist indoctrination.
3. The aim of the statute is to eliminate completely the influence of parents in educational matters and to improve practical training. Except for teaching the Russian language and literature, cultural education will be severely limited and will be replaced by increased emphasis on mathematics and technical studies. The pupils will complete the practical aspect of their education by assisting workers in the factories and fields.
4. Similar educational statutes are to be introduced in Hungary and Poland, also as of 1 Sep 54. Family life and training have been the greatest obstacles to Communist propaganda in these countries.

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